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## CAS LANGUAGE SCHOOL – LA CEIBA, HONDURAS

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

**CAS Language School** is located in the city of La Ceiba on the northeast Gulf coast of Honduras. Spanish is offered in a group setting or on a one-on-one basis. All teachers are certified. The school is prepared to handle beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

Programs are based on 20 hours of class per week. The school provides airport pickup and transfer service from either the La Ceiba or the San Pedro Sula airports.

**La Ceiba** is the third largest city in Honduras, located on the Caribbean coast, and is probably the country's most vibrant. A relatively young city, it got its name from a huge Ceiba tree that was next to the beach and provided shade to the workers at the dock and locals during the afternoon. La Ceiba is a lot more than a port city with lots of hospitality and charm. It has the potential to develop into the Ecotourism Capital in Central America. Its proximity to the Pico Bonito National Park, Cuero y Salado Wildlife Refuge, Cayos Cochinos Marine Reserve are but a few of the many nature attractions available at just a short distance from the city. May through June are great times to catch several town fairs and celebrations, including a week long carnival held in La Ceiba during the third week of May.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

#### Group Course

The Group Course includes 20 hours of Spanish lessons per week within a small group setting. Classes are held in the morning. The program emphasizes conversation, reading, grammar and language practice in real life situations. This is the most effective and rapid way of learning to converse and read in Spanish. One day per week lessons are given on the beach. If there is only one student in a particular level of study, the student will receive 12 hours per week of Tutorial instruction.

#### Tutor Program

The Tutor program includes 20 hours of Spanish lessons per week in a one-on-one setting for a full immersion program. The hours of study with the tutor can be designed to student specifications of special vocabulary or special interest.

#### Mayan and Beach Intensive Spanish Program

The Mayan and Beach program is for 4 weeks and is available for all levels of Spanish. It allows visitors to experience a variety of Honduran culture and geography.

\* Begin in La Ceiba for 2 weeks of private lessons.

\* Travel by bus (included) to Copan Ruinas for 1 week of private lessons

Just 12 kilometers west of the Guatemalan border lies the quiet town of Copán Ruinas, a pleasant, whitewashed and cobblestoned village known for its Mayan ruins.

\* Travel by boat (included) to Utila Bay Island for 1 final week of private instructions (PADI diving lessons and certification available at additional cost.)

### Special Interest Options

The school offers opportunities to those students with special interests:

\* Teachers may choose to practice teach at an area school or college. Basic Spanish language level is required and commitment is a minimum of 4 weeks.

\* Medical personnel have the opportunity to volunteer their services in the public hospital.

\* Volunteer and Internship programs are available in wide variety of fields such as social services, ecology, business, etc.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

#### Homestays

Lodging with a family is highly recommended. It is by far the best way for the student to completely immerse themselves in the Honduran culture and learn and practice Spanish. The homestays start on the Sunday prior to the first day of class and ends on the Saturday morning after the last day of class

#### Hotels

For those students who wish to live independently, CASS works with a variety of hotels. This option may be at additional cost.

### OF SPECIAL INTEREST

#### Cultural & Social Activities

CAS Language School offers a wide range of afternoon activities that are open to all students. They include a welcome cocktail on the first day of class, painting classes, folkloric dancing classes (at additional cost), cooking Garifuna meals (at additional cost), student/teacher barbecue (at additional cost). The school provides visits to nearby beaches and other sights as well as offering Bay Island scuba diving packages and adventuresome ecotours upon request.

### TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 207 E Buffalo Street, Suite 610. \* P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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## Program & Admission Information - La Ceiba, Honduras

### The Programs

All students receive a oral and written language proficiency test on the first day of class. The test determines the student's individualized skill level and requirements. The student is then matched with other students of the same level to form a group or paired with a private instructor and a lesson plan is engineered to meet the student's goals. The student is also evaluated at various stages of his or her program to ensure that his or her maximum potential is achieved.

All classes are held in the mornings, Monday through Friday, with afternoons free for recreation and, most importantly, time to practice Spanish through immersion in the local culture. The teaching methodology emphasizes conversation, reading, grammar, and the experience of real life Spanish situations. Once a week, classes are held in an "eco" environment such as a beach, waterfall or river.



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Academic Credit

Activities  
Cultural & Social  
Activities

### Comments

*"I liked meeting everybody and getting introduced to a new culture. I could not ask for a better way to travel."*

University Student, Mt. Vernon, ME

*"The school was small and I really like it."*

University Student from Tokyo

*"I enjoyed the rigor of the instructions, the professionalism of my instructor, and homestay experience."*

Teacher, Minneapolis, MN



### *Admissions & Academic Credit*

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

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# ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE\***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000    SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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